

FERRYBOAT HITS STEAMER IN FOG

State Island Passengers
Knocked Down in Crash
Off Bedloe's.

BLANKET OF MIST HAMPERS SHIPPING

Ocean Vessels and Harbor Craft
Delayed—Sound Liners Anchor
Off College Point.

As thick as any that ever set-
tled on the Hudson, the fog blanketed
the city yesterday as far
as shipping in the harbor was con-
cerned. The dense blanket that lifted
only at intervals until a shift in the
wind cleared it away in the afternoon
caused only one serious collision, but
hundreds of incoming ships were delayed
for hours, ferryboat service was en-
tirely disrupted, and hundreds of com-
muters lost their last chances of sal-
vation if the Recording Angel jettied
down all their remarks on the weather.
The most serious accident occurred
this morning, when the municipal fer-
ryboat Manhattan crashed into the
Greek steamship Athanasios, which was
anchored off Bedloe's Island. Partitions,
windows and railings were ripped
out as the liner's stern sidwiped the
ferryboat and raked her from amid-
ships to stern.

Passengers and horses were knocked
down by the force of the collision, but
although the air was full of lying
splinters and broken glass, only one
man was seriously injured. George
Larter, of 7220 Seventh Avenue, Brook-
lyn, was cut by broken glass. An am-
bulance surgeon from Smith's Infirmary,
State Island, treated him when the
ferryboat reached St. George.

The Manhattan, in charge of Captain
O'Brien, left South Ferry at 7 o'clock.
Extra lookouts were stationed at the
bow and the boat crept along at re-
duced speed. Passengers said that it
was impossible to see more than ten
feet ahead. The Greek ship, lying
partly across the channel as she swung
with the tide, loomed out of the fog
when it was too late to avoid a col-
lision. Captain O'Brien ordered the
engines full speed astern at the look-
out's first shout and the Athanasios
was struck only a glancing blow.

The passengers were easily quieted
and as soon as the captain ascertained
that the liner was not badly damaged
he went on to State Island.
The Stearns, of the Holland-America
line, was forced to stop several
times as her way from Quarantine to
her Hoboken pier. It was more than
100 feet that she had to stop for
after she passed the Battery
before she was finally docked. Several
collisions with ferryboats were averted
by the narrowest margins, and the ship
was just poking her nose into one of
the L. & W. ferry slips at Hoboken
when a momentary rift in the fog
saved the pilot his mistake.

The schedules of all ferry lines were
badly interrupted that boats were
coming from fifteen minutes to half
an hour late.
Several coast steamers were obliged
to anchor on their way into port, and
many all were about three hours late.
The Providence, of the Fall River line;
the Georgia, of the Bay State line, and
the Concord, of the Colonial line, an-
chored off College Point for some time.
The silver lining of the dense cloud
of fog was turned toward Commis-
sioner Fetherston. Rains that fell
most of the day did more for the
streets than the Street Cleaning De-
partment's snow shovel army had been
able to accomplish. By night most of
the biggest snow piles in the streets
had been washed away altogether or
had so dwindled that the average taxi
driver could circumnavigate them with-
out difficulty.

CHICAGO HITS "POISON PEN"

United States District Attorney
Probe May Involve 500 Men.

(By Telegram to The Tribune.)

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Federal investiga-
tion of a group of "poison pen" letter
writers, said to number 500 men in
Chicago, who are alleged to have used
the mails in making appointments with
women largely for purposes of black-
mail, is under way. It was admitted to-
day by Charles F. Clynne, United States
District Attorney.
The prosecutor said that the arrest
of Robert S. Bruce, an upholsterer,
whose case is being considered by the
federal grand jury, may have been a
factor in bringing about the probe.
Bruce is said to have confessed send-
ing an obscene letter through the mails
to Mrs. Webb G. Krauser, 5923 Mag-
nolia Avenue.

If the inquiry discloses that the mails
were used in the arrangement of ap-
pointments Federal action will result.
Evidence will be turned over to the
State's Attorney if no Federal violation
is found.

EDOUARD DUPRE DECORATED

Sub-Lieutenant is Made Chevalier of
the Legion by General Joffre.

Sub-Lieutenant Edouard Dupre, who
enlisted as a volunteer in the French
army, has been made a chevalier of the
Legion of Honor by General Joffre. A
letter telling of his decoration was
recently received by friends of Dupre
in New York. The letter said in part:
"The sub-lieutenant, Edouard Dupre,
who enlisted as a volunteer and went
to the front as a sergeant, has been
named by General Joffre to be a che-
valier of the Legion of Honor."
"On the 16th of June, 1915," said
the order of General Joffre, "Dupre
led an attack on a trench at the hand of
his company, and having passed the
trench in pursuit of the enemy, he
found himself at the end of the action
in a much exposed situation and under
the cross fire of artillery and mitral-
leuse. He resisted attacks energeti-
cally and succeeded in maintaining his
place in the advanced position. He car-
ried on a counter-attack with his en-
ergy and night. For his courage, his
efforts in maintaining the position
for three days, with his men fati-
gued and suffering from thirst, this
officer is mentioned again in army
orders and decorated with the war
cross of the second class."

KATE CLAXTON \$20,000 HEIRESS

Heroine of 'Two Orphans'
Surprised by Childhood
Friend's Bequest.

What matters it to Kate Claxton if
the heroines of today are dimming her
fame as an actress? Kate Claxton has
hundreds of yellowed clippings to tes-
tify to the number of times she was
called out in Bangor and Salt Lake,
Tallahassee and Des Moines. Should
these not serve her in proving the ef-
fectiveness of her histrionic powers,
the heroine of "The Two Orphans" will
be able to point to a check for a sum
in five figures.

Ten years after the final curtain was
rung down on the last performance in
which the "Sarah Bernhardt of Amer-
ica" appeared, a woman admirer paid
her tribute. Four weeks ago Mildred
Johnson, of Freehold, N. J., died. She
had known Kate Claxton when they
both masqueraded as princesses in the
Johnson backyard. To "Johnny" John-
son, Kate was the greater actress that
had ever lived, and when she died she
left to her favorite a sum of money
said to be about \$20,000.

Kate Claxton, or Mrs. Charles Ste-
venson, last night searched her memory
for something definite of Mildred John-
son. She remembered her dimly, for
the aged actress has had many friends.
Fifteen years ago Kate Claxton, acting
on the stage of some middle Western
theatre, spied the features of her
childhood friend. Since then she had
not seen her.

So it came as a complete surprise to
the little old woman that one she had
known so slightly should have remem-
bered her. She was surprised, too, that
any one should have been able to lo-
cate her, for she had sought that quiet
which all actresses who have been
much in the public limelight long for
after an arduous career.

A few nights ago Mrs. Stevenson ap-
peared at a charitable function with
her brother, Spencer Cone. Some per-
sons in the audience recognized her,
and it seemed like old times when she
was asked to step on the stage and be
introduced. There were some who dimly
remembered the name of Kate Claxton
and others who remembered her not at
all. But among those who knew her
well was Mrs. Charles Young, of 266
Sterling Street, Brooklyn.

Mrs. Young communicated with Mrs.
S. Christopher Marks, of the Theatre
Assembly, and asked for Miss Claxton's
address. She explained that a friend of
hers had left the former actress a
legacy. She did not name the amount,
nor did she know the exact sum yester-
day when she was seen at her home.
When Spencer Cone was seen at the
home of his sister, 305 West Forty-
fifth Street, last night, he said that he
understood the amount left to Miss
Claxton approximated \$20,000.

"This comes as such a total surprise
that I don't know what to say," said
Mr. Cone, who was his sister's advance
agent when "The Two Orphans" held
the boards. "Kate didn't know Mildred
Johnson at all, you know."

"But I do remember that we called
her 'Johnny' Johnson," said Miss Clax-
ton, her features lighting up with the
dim recollection. "God bless the soul
of 'Johnny' Johnson!"

DOG LIVES UP TO NAME

Buster Races Family Through Home

Till Shot by Patrolman.

Buster was a gentle brindle bulldog
in the household of Mrs. Lucille Muller,
at 104 Edgecombe Avenue, until yester-
day afternoon, when he assumed a bel-
ligerent attitude and attempted to
drive the family out into the rain. Mrs.
Alli Tuomini, of 132 East 127th Street,
a friend of Mrs. Muller's maid, who
was bitten in the left arm, was treated
at Harlem Hospital. Buster was
shot by Patrolman Rhodes, but not un-
til he had chased the family through
two floors of the house.
Mrs. Muller finally seized the dog by
the back of his neck and held him while
the police were telephoned for. The
dog's head will be examined to deter-
mine whether he was suffering from
rabies.

WOMEN ORGANIZE TO SAVE AMERICA

Belgian Relief Workers
Join in Move for Na-
tional Preparedness.

COUNTRY AT PARTING OF WAYS, SAYS APPEAL

Fate of Belgium Cited to Show
Horrors That Can Overtake
a Defenceless Nation.

The Woman's Section of the Commis-
sion for Relief in Belgium has dis-
solved, as to its original purpose, and
has reorganized as the Woman's Sec-
tion of the Movement for National
Preparedness. An appeal has been
made by its executive board to the
women of America to join in the move-

for safety and peace in the United
States.

In an explanatory statement issued
yesterday it is said that the relief
campaign in behalf of Belgium burned
into the souls of the executive board
and its thousands of friends, the out-
rages, indignities and horrors that can
overtake a nation unequal to its own
defence. Contending that the unpre-
paredness of America to protect itself
is a menace confronting its existence,
it is resolved, "That the organization
of the Woman's Section, in so far as
its members are willing, shall be en-
listed now in the patriotic work of
helping to make America safe. In the
guardianship of peace women have a
supreme concern. In strength invinc-
ible let America insure peace."

Two months after its organization in
October, 1914, the Woman's Section of
the Relief Commission represented in
its appeals the presidents of organiza-
tions with a membership of 5,000,000
women. Thousands of committees of
women throughout the country subse-
quently undertook organized relief
work under its direction. These same
women are asked to give the movement

for national preparedness their whole
hearted support.

After pointing out that in the twen-
tieth century a civilized Europe is go-
ing down into savagery, with the most
disastrous carnage of all time, that
Belgium, Armenia, Serbia and Poland
have been devastated by the war, and
that Greece is threatened with the
same fate, the appeal calls attention
to the fact that American rights and
the lives of American citizens have not
been spared. It then continues:

"Our country has come to the part-
ing of the ways. Her isolation has
vanished, and she must soberly choose
her place among the nations. Her
ideals are essentially those of liberty
and peace. How shall we secure them?
The plight of Belgium and the pride of
Switzerland are our answer. He is
safe who is prepared. He only is free
who is master of himself. The flower
of America would answer any threat,
but the cost in life and treasure to
the making of an army during conflict
has become hideously plain.

"We assume the guardianship of
both Americas. We are a rich nation,
yet helpless—a temptation to the needy
strong. The Swiss system or the Aus-
trian would give an adequate force,
equipped and trained, without distur-
bance to our economic life, discipline
to patriotic citizenship and of incal-
culable value. Instead, we have an

available army of 80,000 men, brave
and skilful, whose most powerful guns
fall two miles short of the standard
European armaments. Our navy is in
theory third; in fact, unready."

Dissolution of the woman's section
as a part of the relief commission re-
sulted from danger of starvation in
Belgium at the present time being re-
moved.

Mrs. Lindon Bates is chairman of
the executive board. Its other mem-
bers are Miss Anne Morgan, treasurer;
Mrs. August Belmont, Mrs. Edward R.
Hawitt, Miss Mary Parsons, Mrs. Wil-
liam K. Vanderbilt and Miss Maude
Wetmore.

Among the fifty-two members of the
executive cooperating committee, as or-
ganized for relief work, and which was
composed of presidents of interna-
tional, national, state and city organiza-
tions, were Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett,
Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, Mrs. Tru-
man H. Newberry, Mrs. Frederick
Schott, Mrs. William Cumming Story,
Mrs. Frances W. Sibley, Mrs. Mary
Blomer Page, Miss Caroline L. Hum-
phrey, Mrs. Henry Olesheimer, Mrs.
Joseph M. Strout, Mrs. William O.
Thompson, Mrs. Henry C. Cox, Miss
Anna A. Gordon, Mrs. John W. Stewart,
Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge, Miss Julia Ches-
ter Wells, Dr. Anna B. Shaw, Mrs.
Clarence L. Bleakley, Mrs. Nathaniel
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